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The Northeast Ohio Flight Information Exchange (NEOFIX) is a program for state and local government and public safety agencies to post information for each other and drone operators to keep airspace open, secure, and safe. Highlights of the program are bulletized below.

## Why NEOFIX?

- Inform drone operators of ground rules and conditions, local issues and events, public safety incidents, hazards, and sensitive and critical infrastructure.
- Enable information sharing in the most open way possible while respecting operational security, privacy requirements and public safety; multiple ways to connect and share information.

\$10B market in the next 5 Years
The commercial and Recreational
UAS market is growing faster than
expected, with 204,000 Part 107
Pilots and 1.8M registered drones
– all in the last four years.

- Fill a public Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) gap between traditional aviation charts and street maps.
- Allow local government to guide how drones get integrated into their communities and enabling safe integration for the space where drones operate (under 1,000 feet), providing Navigational Aids the FAA has already stated it will not offer.
- Create an inexpensive approach to high paying blue-collar jobs and technology aids.
- Proven models to accelerate services, industry, and investments from the drone industry.
- NEOFIX is not designed as a funding arm for drones, nor does is it creating regulations.
   It is designed to foster traffic management (UTM) and following of regulations more effectively.



**Stories of Success:** Virginia with 55+ collaborating state and local agencies, 27,000 advisors created, 6 of the FAA's 16 approved "USS' providers onboarded (AirMap/DroneUp, AirSpaceLink, Aloft, ATA, Skygrid, and Wing), infrastructure drawing companies, and new resident services including drones as first responders, package, and medical delivery.